

**BOTSWANA WILDERNESS WING SAFARI  
WITH  
SPECIALIST GUIDE 'BROOKS KAMANAKAO'**

**Departures: Jun 01, Jun 13, Aug 28, Sep 13**

**Linyanti and Okavango Delta- Visit Victoria Falls and Cape Town**

**Program highlights:**

- ❑ Join this incredible adventure to the heart of Botswana including the Linyanti Reserve and the Okavango Delta.
- ❑ You are lead by Specialist Guide, Brooks Kamanakao, during your days on safari.
- ❑ Enjoy three nights in 2 camps, allowing you to immerse yourself in the beauty of Botswana.
- ❑ Begin your adventure with two nights at the historic Victoria Falls Hotel.
- ❑ End with three nights in Cape Town with two days of touring.



**Specialist Guide Brooks Kamanakao with AAC's Founding Director, Alison Nolting**



## **BROOKS KAMANAKAO**

“I was *really* born in the bush.” states Brooks. This rings true considering he grew up in the small village of Motopi, on the banks of the then flowing Boteti River and one of the main channels of the Okavango Delta.

Belonging to the Bayei tribe (the people who introduced mokoros to the Okavango Delta), Brooks had a fascination with Botswana’s wild areas from a young age. Determined to succeed, he began his career in tourism as a casual worker, soon being granted a position as a barman/ waiter. As his interest was in the bush, he soon managed to move into the position of tracker which he pursued for a year before passing the Wilderness Safaris guides course in 2000.

Since then, Brooks has improved his bush knowledge and fine tuned hosting skills working at premier camps like Kings Pool and Mombo as senior guide. In early 2006, he joined the Explorations team to enhance his knowledge of other areas of the country, as well as spending more days with each group of guests.

A combination of superlative bush knowledge, friendly hosting and a wide interest in astronomy, birding and the diverse cultures of Botswana, has meant that Brooks has quickly become popular as both an Explorations guide and an often requested private Explorations guide.

*“Mark, thanks for setting up such a great itinerary. It was absolutely fabulous. A very special Thanks for arranging to have Brooks as our guide at Mombo and Zarafa. He was excellent. He was so knowledgeable about the animals, their habitats, the wonderful working of nature...he would stop the vehicle and just listen and then he could tell us what messages the animals were sending. We found a leopard with a kill because of that listening. But he also had such knowledge of Botswana. He gave us a talk while we are on a sunset cruise at Zarafa. I told him he should be a teacher. He also was very attentive to any need we had at the camps. Excellent!!!!”*

*Kelly and Nathan Tarbox*

Day	Destination	Accommodation
01	Fly USA – Johannesburg	Travel
02	Johannesburg	City Lodge Hotel at OR Tambo Airport
03	Fly Johannesburg – Victoria Falls Afternoon at leisure	Victoria Falls Hotel
04	Day at Leisure Victoria Falls	Victoria Falls Hotel
05	Road transfer to Kasane Fly Kasane – Linyanti Reserve Afternoon activity	DumaTau Camp
06+07	Linyanti Reserve Days of game viewing	DumaTau Camp
08	Fly Linyanti to Periphery of Moremi Afternoon activity – Okavango Delta	Chitabe Camp
09+10	Periphery of Moremi Reserve Days of game viewing	Chitabe Camp
11	Fly Moremi - Maun – Cape Town Evening at leisure	Victoria & Alfred Hotel or Cape Grace Hotel
12+13	Two days with Private Guide & vehicle	Victoria & Alfred Hotel or Cape Grace Hotel
14	Fly Cape Town – Johannesburg - USA	
15	USA	

**2018 LAND ARRANGEMENTS:**

Peak Season	Per Person Sharing	Single Supplement
<b>15-Day Program (Full Program)</b>	\$13,695.00 per person	\$3,850.00
<b>13-Day Program (no Victoria Falls)</b>	\$12,650.00 per person	\$3,395.00
<b>12-Day Program (no Cape Town)</b>	\$12,475.00 per person	\$3,295.00
<i>Optional Upgrade to Cape Grace (3 nts)</i>	+ \$425.00 per person	+ \$325.00

\* All rates are per person sharing a room

## ITINERARY

### **DAY 01 USA/JOHANNESBURG**

Depart the USA on your overnight flight to Johannesburg.

### **DAY 02 JOHANNESBURG**

On arrival you will be met and escorted to your hotel.

Johannesburg is the largest and most cosmopolitan city in South Africa and is the center of the gold and diamond industry. Johannesburg began as a mining town when the largest deposits of gold in the world were discovered in the Witwatersrand in 1886. This “City of Gold” (locally known as “Egoli,”) is now the country’s largest commercial center and the country’s main gateway for overseas visitors. The city itself has a population of approximately 2 million, while the total urban area including Soweto (SOuth WEstern TOWnships) has a population of approximately 4 million.

Based at Africa’s busiest airport, **City Lodge Hotel at OR Tambo International Airport** has 303 rooms and provides travelers with “home away from home” accommodation that is ideal for short layovers that require immediate access to the airport. The hotel has a fitness room as well as a deck with a pool and a large commercial area with a coffee shop.

Accommodation: City Lodge Hotel at OR Tambo International Airport (B) – *Standard Room*



### **DAY 03 JOHANNESBURG/VICTORIA FALLS**

Take the complimentary hotel shuttle back to the airport for your scheduled inter-Africa flight to Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe. Upon arrival you will be met and transferred to your hotel.



The world-famous Victoria Falls were discovered in 1855 by Scottish explorer, David Livingstone. As news of the falls spread it attracted traders and a small settlement, originally called “Old Drift” was established on the Zambian side of the falls. A bridge was built over the Zambezi Gorge as part of the Cape-to-Cairo railway in 1902 making it possible for people to visit the village of Victoria Falls. In 1906 the iconic Victoria Falls Hotel was built and put the thriving village on the map.



It officially became a town in 1972. Today it is the jumping off or finishing point for many safaris and offers a variety of exciting activities such as world-class white water rafting and elephant-back safaris.

The afternoon is a good time to view the falls (park entry fee US\$30 per person payable direct). Fortunately the area immediately around the falls has not been commercialized, and there are unobstructed views from many vantage points connected by paved paths. Be prepared to get wet as you walk through the rain forest surrounding the falls, a result of the continuous spray. A path called the Chain Walk descends from near Livingstone's statue into the gorge of the Devil's Cataract, providing an excellent vantage point.



The **Victoria Falls Hotel** has maintained much of its colonial elegance with its graceful architecture, spacious terraces and colorful gardens. The hotel has 161 air-conditioned rooms with private facilities, swimming pool and tennis courts and is only a ten-minute walk from the falls. You may enjoy dinner in the elegant Livingstone dining room or the Jungle Junction restaurant that offers a unique cultural dancing and ethnic eating experience.

Accommodation: Victoria Falls Hotel (B) – *Stable Signature Wing Room*



## **DAY 04**                      **VICTORIA FALLS**

Enjoy a day at leisure.

Optional activities you may book for an extra charge include:

- 1) Tour of the falls and Market Visit (park entry fee \$30.00 payable direct)
- 2) A sunset cruise upstream on the Zambezi River
- 3) “Flight of the Angels” by helicopter (park entry fee \$10.00 payable direct)
- 4) Day of white-water rafting (5th class) (park entry fee US\$10.00 payable direct)
- 5) Bungee jump off Victoria Falls Bridge (not Monday)
- 6) Half day High Wire (includes Gorge Swing, Foofie Slide and Flying Fox)
- 7) Livingstone Island Lunch (Zambia visa fee applicable) (*Subject to water levels*)
- 8) Morning Breezers and swimming on the edge of the falls (Zambia visa fee applicable) (*Subject to water levels*)
- 9) Half day elephant-back ride and elephant interaction with a family herd at Elephant Camp
- 10) Rhino game drive at Stanley & Livingstone Private Game Reserve

- 11) Full day game viewing excursion to Chobe National Park (includes lunch)
- 12) Half day canoeing trip (above Victoria Falls)
- 13) Fishing on the Upper Zambezi above Victoria Falls
- 14) Experience the African life of a local school at Monde and rural village of Mpisi, Ncube or Ngwenya. (half-day)
- 15) Visit one of the schools that we sponsor in the area – Jabulani, Chamabonda and Chinotimba.
- 16) Visit Rose of Charity Orphanage in Victoria Falls.
- 17) Evening African Spectacular Dancing and dinner at Boma Restaurant or dinner at Jungle Junction
- 18) Lunar Rainbow Tour – view Victoria Falls during a full moon to see a rainbow at night
- 19) Overnight rafting trip down the Zambezi River (an extra night and park fees required)

Accommodation: Victoria Falls Hotel (B) – *Stable Signature Wing Room*



## DAY 05

## VICTORIA FALLS/KASANE/LINYANTI RESERVE

This morning you will be transferred across the border to Kasane, Botswana. On arrival you will be met by your guide and board the aircraft for your scheduled charter flight to your first safari camp situated in the western area, midway between Chobe and the Okavango Delta.

**\*PLEASE NOTE\*** There is a luggage limit of 44lbs (20kg) per person on the charter flight so please pre-pack your luggage accordingly in a soft-sided bag. Scheduled Charter flights times are estimates and may include multiple stops.



The Linyanti lies northeast of the Okavango Delta and northwest of the Savute marshes within Chobe National Park. The Linyanti region is, in essence, a mini "Okavango Delta" with a lot of big game. During the dry season this is, in fact, big elephant country with literally thousands in the region. The reserve is also home to many crocodile, hippo, sitatunga, lechwe, elephant, buffalo, lion and spotted hyena.

The Kwando and Linyanti Rivers form the region's border with Namibia. The Kwando River flows southeast and then meets the end of the Great Rift Valley. This causes the river to flow northeast, and at this point its name changes to the Linyanti River and later to the Chobe River, which eventually meets the Zambezi River.



Within the Linyanti-Savute concession area you have an opportunity to spend many hours watching the elephant herds and the large variety of wildlife in and around the waters of the Linyanti River. Activities include day and night game drives, boat rides on the Linyanti River, and time in the game hides.



**DumaTau Camp** is located on the banks of the Linyanti River in a prime location between two elephant migratory corridors. Completely rebuilt in 2012, accommodations include ten raised tented rooms with en suite facilities. Each room has a floor to ceiling wraparound window ensuring spectacular views of the river. There is a dining room, lounge and plunge pool.

Activities are diverse and allow time on the water, on land and occasionally on foot. Day and night game drives are conducted in open 4x4 vehicles along the Savuti Channel and the banks of the Linyanti River. There are many platforms and hides in the area where you can enjoy wildlife viewing close up and away from a vehicle. One of the best hides is right at the source of the Savuti and many species of game and birdlife can usually be seen from this hide.

Accommodation: DumaTau Camp (Full Board) – *Specialist Guide*



## DAY 06+07

## LINYANTI RESERVE

Enjoy morning and afternoon activities from your camp.

Accommodation: DumaTau Camp (Full Board) – *Specialist Guide*



## DAY 08

## LINYANTI RESERVE/PERIPHERY OF MOREMI RESERVE

Leave as the sun comes over the horizon and enjoy an early morning game drive. Depart on your scheduled charter flight to your next camp within the Okavango Delta, on the periphery of the Moremi Reserve.

The Okavango Delta, covering over 6,000-square-miles (15,000-km<sup>2</sup>), is a natural mosaic of palm-fringed islands, open savannah, flowing rivers, crystal-clear lagoons and floodplains sprinkled with water lilies, and gigantic baobab and jackalberry trees.

The Okavango River originates in the central African highlands, located in Angola which is about 600 miles (1,000 km) northwest of Botswana, then it fans out into the Kalahari Desert to create a vast system of thousands of waterways, separated by innumerable islands, and it eventually disappears into the Kalahari sands.

Game viewing for the larger land mammal species is excellent in many parts of the Delta. Large herds of buffalo, elephant, giraffe and a variety of antelope are often seen. Lion, leopard, cheetah and other predators are also frequently encountered. Hippo and crocs are found in the waterways and bird lovers will relish the incredible variety.



Chitabe sits in a private concession that borders the Moremi Reserve, which is part of the Okavango Delta. The area offers exciting game viewing with diverse habitats ranging from open flood plain to permanent waterways and lagoons. All the Okavango big game can be found here, and there are excellent chances of spotting predators on the game drives including lion and wild dog. Buffalo and elephant are in this area, as well as good concentrations of zebra, wildebeest, giraffe and all the plains game.

**Chitabe Camp** is a 16 bedded tented camp raised off the ground on wooden decks and linked by elevated walkways; it also has a plunge pool. Each tent has en suite facilities. Day and night drives and morning walks are offered. Open 4x4 Land Rovers allow close proximity to animals in the savannah and forested areas. At night you may encounter creatures such as civet, serval, genet, pangolin, porcupine and aardvark.

Accommodation: Chitabe Camp (Full Board) – *Specialist Guide*





## DAY 09+10 PERIPHERY OF THE MOREMI RESERVE

Enjoy two full days of game viewing.

Accommodation: Chitabe Camp (Full Board) – *Specialist Guide*



## DAY 11 PERIPHERY OF MOREMI/MAUN/CAPE TOWN

Following breakfast in camp, transfer to the airstrip for your scheduled charter flight to Maun.

Connect to your scheduled Inter-Africa flight to Cape Town. On arrival you will be met and transferred to your hotel.

*(The direct flight operates Mon/Wed/Fri/Sat/Sun. Alternate days will route via Johannesburg.)*

The Cape has one of the most beautiful settings in the world. It has Table Mountain dominating the skyline, the Cape Peninsula to the Cape of Good Hope, stunning coastal scenery, and lots of well-run hotels. You may travel through the winelands, and historic, small coastal towns. Sir Francis Drake once said of the Cape Town area, “The fairest cape we saw in the whole circumference of the globe.” The Cape is reminiscent of the California coast — stark, natural beauty and a laid-back atmosphere.

The **Victoria & Alfred Hotel** is located right in the middle of the V & A Waterfront brimming with shopping opportunities, craft market and entertainment galore. Ninety-four guest rooms and suites are framed by the ocean and Table Mountain and offer air-conditioning, mini-bar, a private safe, and en suite bathrooms. There is a gourmet restaurant and lounge where you can enjoy dinner and a drink in the surrounding harbor-side views.

Accommodation: Victoria & Alfred Hotel (B) – *Mountain facing Room*



## OR

The **Cape Grace Hotel** is a luxury hotel located in the heart of the Waterfront harbor that has excellent, five-star service. The beautiful 120 air-conditioned guest rooms have a balcony with either mountain or water views. There is a swimming pool and the wonderful Signal Restaurant and Bascule Bar. You can pamper yourself with one of the many health and beauty treatments at the spa, located on the top floor of the hotel with spectacular views of the city and Table Mountain.

The Cape Grace is a member of the exclusive *Leading Small Hotels of the World* and has won many prestigious awards over the years, including being voted Top 100 hotel by *Conde Nast* and listed in the “Top 10 Africa/Middle East” by *Travel & Leisure*.

Accommodation: Cape Grace Hotel (B) – *Table Mountain Luxury Room*



### DAY 12+13

### CAPE TOWN

Enjoy a private vehicle and guide for two full days to take you where and when you want to go.



- 1) Grand Slam Tour is the ultimate private full-day exploration of the Cape Peninsula and winelands.
- 2) Cape peninsula tour including Cape Point and the African penguin colony.
- 3) City tour including a visit to Table Mountain and the Kirstenbosch Gardens. And/or Cultural tour which includes Robben Island and a visit to the New Hope Township.
- 4) **Half-day tours** private Cape Town shopping excursion; False Bay shark eco-charter; Cape Malay Cultural cooking experience and Marine Big Five boat trip in Klein Bay.

The possibilities are endless – it’s your day, your way! (Pick-up times can be personalized if you want to start touring a little bit later in the day). *Entrance fees and meals are payable directly.*

Accommodation: Victoria & Alfred Hotel (B) – *Mountain facing Room* or Cape Grace Hotel (B) – *Table Mountain Luxury Room*

### DAY 14

### CAPE TOWN/JOHANNESBURG/USA

This afternoon transfer to the airport for your scheduled flight to Johannesburg. Onward overnight international flight.

### DAY 15

### USA

**WELCOME HOME!**

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**AIR ARRANGEMENTS** (subject to change until ticketed):

*Please note the following sample airfares. Lower promotional airfares are offered throughout the year so please take a moment to contact our "in house" air department for even better pricing options!*

**INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT:**

*Economy Class:*

**From \$1,299.00-\$2,299.00 per person** (low-high season)

*Business Class:*

**From \$5,399.00 per person** (via Europe or on SAA) (low season)

New York/Johannesburg/New York - Please call for add-on fares from your departure city.

**INTER-AFRICA FLIGHT:**

**15-Day Program**

**From \$895.00 per person (approx)**

Johannesburg/Victoria Falls – Maun/Cape Town/Johannesburg

**13-Day Program**

**From \$695.00 per person (approx)**

Johannesburg/Maun/Cape Town/Johannesburg

**12-Day Program**

**From \$695.00 per person (approx)**

Johannesburg/Victoria Falls – Maun/Johannesburg



**LAND COSTS INCLUDE:**

- Accommodations
- All meals and game activities on safari (Full Board)
- Breakfast only (B) in Johannesburg, Victoria Falls and Cape Town
- All airport and road transfers
- Park and guiding fees
- Charter flights between camps
- All local drinks and laundry in the camps
- Two days with private vehicle and guide in Cape Town (*entrances fees and meals additional*)

**NOT INCLUDED:**

- Extra meals in Johannesburg and Victoria Falls
- Tips to staff and drivers
- Departure and Airport taxes (payable directly)
- Optional touring and park fees in Victoria Falls
- Travel insurance
- International air fare
- Inter-Africa flights

**Trip reports:**

Dear Africa Adventure Team,

I wanted to thank you for an outstanding trip. It was an adventure of a lifetime. The trip was flawless from start to finish and I would not change any part of the agenda. The accommodations were beautiful. The staff at Wilderness Safari's was overly accommodating. They provided more gluten free, vegetarian food in a day than I eat in a week and it was delicious. I just completed a recipe that they provided. Brooks, our guide in Botswana, was terrific!

Thank you for all your attention to detail. The Africa Adventure Company runs a terrific business and I have sung praises about your group to all my friends.

We had the trip of our lives.  
Many thanks.

**Debbie Menditch**

Alison,

The trip was fabulous...one of the best ever.

Every place we stayed knew about this being my 80th birthday celebration, and we received gifts and daily attention. Our guide, Brooks could not have been more helpful and taught us so much...he knows everything about everything. I even forgave him for presenting me with a beautiful birthday cake in the Boma the last night made out of elephant dung.

An unforgettable trip with 20 close friends. I thank Monica and you for the outstanding detail work you put into making this trip perfect.

**Dick Henning**

Our trip to Africa was fabulous! It was everything I dreamed and more. Having Brooks as our guide for all of Botswana was a special treat—thank you for arranging that! He's the best guide ever and took really good care of us...We will definitely recommend you to anyone who wants to take a trip to Africa.

**Barbara Monis**

Hi Kyle,

I just wanted to email a quick note to thank you and Africa Adventure Company for organizing a great trip for Stu, Barbara, Nikki and myself. The trip was outstanding--it went above and beyond anything we could have imagined (and we actually expected a lot)... Again thank you. Should probably add right away that Brooks, our Botswana guide, was amazing!--more on that later too.

Regards,

**Rochelle Zweben**

